THE MINISTER OF STEEL AND MINES (SHRI M. L. FOTEDAR):

(a) The existing guidelines for licensing of steel units ir the private sector do not provide for the setting up of composite steel pit tits. These guidelines are under revi ;w .

(b) and (c) Th# establishment of additional steel rm Ssfing capacity in the country will let 1 to a reduction in imports of steel.

Auction of plo s by the DDA

*267. SHRi DINI ARRAO GOVINDRAO PATIL: W: I the Minister of URE«\N DEVELOI MENT be pleased to refer to the r plies to Starred Question 229 and 1 Tnstarred Question 1722 given in the I ajya Sabha on tne 1st August, 1986 a id 21st November, 1986, respectively nd state:

i>) whether the possession of the seventeen plots at Kalkaji Road has since been handed ver to the successful bidders by the DDA;

(b) if hot, wha- are the reasons therefore and

(c) by when the Plots are U^ely to be handed over to successful bidders?

THE MINISTER OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT (! HRIMATI MOtt-"SINA Kl DWAI): a) No, Sir.

(b) The stay or ler given by the Court *if* still in fo ce.

(c) The possession of the plots will be handed over a ter the stay order is vacate!.

Capacity utilizatio by the industries based on fruits etc.

*268. SHRI BH/ GATRAM MANI AR: SHRi BIR 3HADRA PRATAP SING]':

Will the Ministt r of FOOD AND CIVIL SUPPLIES be pleased to state:

(a) whether it 3 a fact that the industries based o 1 fruits and vegetables have not been able to work to their full capacity;

(b) if ao, what are the reasons therefor;

(c) what is the estimated number of such industries existing as on 1st July, 1987 in the country; and

(d) what steps are being taken to extend full assistance to these industries by Government?

THE MINISTER OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND THE MINISTER OF FOOD AND CIVIL SUPPLIES (SHRI H. K. L. BHAGAT)*: (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. not to their fulV installed[1] capacity. The main reasons for this are:

(i> seasonal nature of the industry;

(ii) low domestic demand; and

(iii) incompetitive position* i» foreign markets.

(c) As on 1.7.87, the total number of fruit and vegetable processing units licensed under the Fruit Pro. ducts Order was 2527. In addition, there are 526 units which are not themselves manufacturing fruit and vegetable products but are only rela belling and selling products of others.

(d) The important measures taken to promote the deveopment ,of fruit and vegetable processing industry are given in the attached statement.

Statement

Fruit and Vegetable processing industry :

(i) Requirement of industrial licensing under the Industries (Development & Regulation) Act has been dispensed with except in certain cases.